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South Carolina Public Service Commission
Mr. Charles Terreni
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

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Dear Mr. Terreni:

On May 13, 2005, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated, and made effective, 811 to be used as the nationally abbreviated dialing code used by state one-call notification systems for providing advance notice of excavation activities to underground facility operators in compliance with the Pipeline Safety Act.

Palmetto Utility Protection Service is the South Carolina one-call notification system formed and operational in accordance with the "Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, 1978 Act No. 588 § 1, effective July 18, 1978". Our service has been in existence in the prevention of damage to buried facilities across the state since 1978. We currently process approximately 650,000 notification requests annually and represent over 200 underground facility owners.

In keeping with our efforts to protect the public and the underground utility infrastructure across the State of South Carolina, P.U.P.S. would like to request that the 811 abbreviated dialing code be implemented in South Carolina for all telecommunication providers in compliance with the FCC ruling.

If you should need additional information, please contact me at (803) 939-1117, press 2.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Dotman

Rhonda Dotman
Application Support Administrator